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Very Rev. Father Christopher Gerard Gillen  
Parish Priest / Vicar Forane  
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**Sunday Masses**  
Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm  
Sunday 10:00 am

**Weekday Masses**  
See Schedule  
on the inside of the bulletin

**In Office Hours**  
Tuesday & Thursday  
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

**Administrative Assistant**  
**Financial Recorder**  
Sandy Johnson

**Reconciliation/Confessions**  
Saturday: 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

**Requesting Sacraments**  
Interview and Classes Required

**St Martin Elementary School**  
Phone 905-957-3032

**Cemetery Management**  
Nick Sarantakos - 289-440-2929

**Parish Organizations**  
**Catholic Women's League**  
President - Maryanne Mous  
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jpierre.paradis@live.ca

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Parish Financial Council  
Cemetery Committee  
Children's Liturgy.  
Youth Ministry  
Responsible Faith Ministry  
ACTS Retreat (4)Teams

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**January 29, 2023 - Year - A**

**The 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

# January 29, 2023

## The 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Recitation of the Holy Rosary takes place before each Weekday Mass beginning at 8:35 am

Mon	Jan 30	<b>NO PARISH MASS CELEBRATED TODAY</b> 7:45 pm - 9:30 am New Testament Letters Bible Study	Fr. Christopher
Tues	Jan 31	9:00 am For the health and well being of Joan Hignett 9:30 am - 10:45 am Choir Practice	by Helen & Andy Lipiec
Wed	Feb 1	9:00 am +Bernice Sherlock 10:30 am Gethsemane Centre Mass/Confession/Adoration 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm Diocesan Council of Priests Catholic Centre	by John & Mary Fraser Fr. Christopher Fr. Christopher
Thurs	Feb 2	<b>The Presentation of the Lord</b> 9:00 am +Christina Gordon 9:30 am - 10:30 am Parish Bible Study Group	by Norrie Franko
Fri	Feb 3	7:30 am - 8:15 am That Man Is You - Paradisus Dei - Men's Rosary Group 9:00 am +Dawn Ricker 10:30 am - 12 Noon Pastoral Home Visits for those who registered. 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm Praise and Worship at Gethsemane Centre	Fr. Christopher by Gary Ricker & Family Fr. Christopher Fr. Christopher
Sat	Feb 4	<b>The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A</b> 10:00 am - 12 Noon. Development & Peace Workshop St. Alfred's Parish 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm AGM Development and Peace Virtual Meeting 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions. 5:00 pm +Connie Krasko	Fr. Christopher Fr. Christopher by Pauline Lewis
Sun	Feb 5	10:00 am +Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	

### E-TRANSFERS

These transfers are often referred to as **e-Transfers** and done through your online banking, website or app. To transfer funds to St. Martin Parish e-Transfer to:

**st.martinsdonation@gmail.com**

**Please do not enter a security question and answer. You will be informed that your transfer to: The Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation has been completed.** Thank you

### STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES 2023

**Please do not use old envelopes.**

The 2023 Envelope are available in the foyer of the church. Thank you.

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

CWL Membership for 2023 - \$35.00. **NOW DUE !**

They need to be forwarded to National Office this month. You can pay by e-transfer at:

**stmartinscwl@hotmail.com**

Be sure to say membership fee.

### NIAGARA FOUNDATION FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION ANNUAL BENEFIT GALA

With Honorary Guest - Bishop Gerard Bergie  
Supporting Niagara Catholic District School Board students in need and scholarships  
**Friday, March 3, 2023, Club Roma Event Centre, 6:00 pm. Tickets \$100/person**

Online payment at [www.niagaracatholic.ca](http://www.niagaracatholic.ca) or by cheque payable to the *Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education*

Mailing address: 427 Rice Road, Welland, Ont. L3C 7C1 -- Attention Anna Pisano.

Please make payment by February, 24, 2023 (\$30 tax receipt upon request) Individual tickets available or tables of eight or ten. For further information call (905) 735-0240, ext. 214 or email [linda.marconi@ncdsb.com](mailto:linda.marconi@ncdsb.com)

### POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those in most need.

### DEVELOPMENT and PEACE - CARITAS CANADA

Development and Peace - Caritas Canada is the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada. It works with partnerships with local organizations in over 30 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America and the Middle East to create justice in the world and to act in solidarity with the most vulnerable people.

Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place:

February 4, 1:30 pm by Zoom.

Diocesan Delegates are: Fr. Christopher Gillen and Jennifer Pothier.

Please visit the D@P website and be informed.

<https://www.devpcanada.org/en/>

### NEW UPDATES

Development and Peace - Caritas Canada is beginning a new campaign cycle this year, with the theme "Create Hope" to guide our action over the next five years. How can we create hope? By taking action! Because the best antidote to despair is action. Under the broad theme "Create Hope," you are being invited this year to "Stand for the Land," in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the Global South who are defending their homelands by protecting their land and water, the environment and human life.

And it is with great joy that we invite you to join the "Share Lent" campaign that D&P has been organizing for over 55 years (the "Solidarity Sunday" collection is March 26).

Let's "Create Hope" for a world of peace and justice, and "Stand for the Land" and its peoples! The pre-Lent diocesan workshop will take place at St. Alfred Church on Saturday, February 4 (10:00 am - 11:30 am).

### SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE

As part of the Synod activities, St. Martin of Tours is expanding our social media presence on Facebook. Please follow the St. Martin of Tours Facebook page! There will be announcements about Mass times and parish events, a weekly spot 5light on school activities and introducing Wonder, where we will share answers, information and insights into various aspects of the Catholic Faith. Be sure to Follow, Like and Share our page.

### FEBRUARY 2, IS THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

This feast is a hinge upon which we pivot our gaze from Christmas and the Incarnation to Easter and Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection. This day falls 40 days after Christmas, and in the older liturgical calendars, the Presentation of the Lord closed the Christmas season (it now concludes with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord). The roots of this feast are found in Scripture, which tells of Mary and Joseph bringing Jesus to the Temple to follow Jewish law. Simeon recognizes Jesus as the Messiah, and, after giving thanks to God, makes a prophecy to Mary. His words call to mind the suffering that Jesus will endure for our redemption, and the confusion and sorrow that go with it. The ancient Church used this scene to transition from celebrating Jesus' Incarnation to preparing to enter the Paschal Mystery in the Lenten and Easter seasons.

This feast was always celebrated with candles (and used to be known as Candlemas) because of Simeon's recognition that in the person of Jesus, God has given us salvation—"a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people, Israel."

### LET'S GET READY FOR LENT 2023

**Ash Wednesday, is February 22.**

#### Parish Celebrations

- 9:00 am and 6:30 pm Parish Masses
- Distribution of Ashes at both Masses

#### School Celebrations

- Service of the Word with distribution of Ashes.  
Group One: 11:30 am  
Group Two: 12:30 pm.  
Both celebrations will take place in the school gym.

#### Parish Lenten Stations of the Cross

- Will begin the First Week of Lent, Friday, March 3, at 6:00 pm.

### COFFEE SOCIAL SUNDAY

Join us for some coffee, treats and fellowship on

Feb 12, 2023

after the 10 am Mass